Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bob's Café was opened under new ownership on September 17, 1950, by Ernest and Charlotte Koopman to serve the community of Belle Fourche, the surrounding area, and a myriad of travelers passing through town; and,

Whereas, Ernest and Charlotte worked as a team until his passing in 1980, at which time Charlotte took full control of the reins and operated a successful business for another 30 years, providing a gathering place for friends, neighbors, politicians, and tourists; and,

Whereas, Traditionally, cooks have always received their orders verbally rather than on written tickets or through a computer system, and must trust their memory to produce the wonderful home-made buttermilk biscuits and sausage gravy, hot beef sandwiches and brown gravy, chicken fried steak, home-made French fries and hash browns, red plum pie, and real malts and shakes, to name a few, that their patrons are anxiously awaiting; and,

Whereas, Charlotte has worked many long, hard hours to maintain a commitment to her customers and to maintain a lucrative business in a café that provides a means for friends and neighbors to socialize and enrich their lives; and,

Whereas, Bob's Café and Charlotte celebrated their 60th Anniversary of serving their first customer in 1950, and is a South Dakota business to be enjoyed by future generations:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2010, as

BOB'S CAFÉ DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State